

**REMARKS**

Claims 23, 24, 27 and 28 are pending. Claims 23, 27 and 28 have been amended. No new matter is presented.

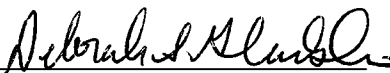
Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies extended in an interview December 19, 2007. During the interview, applicants proposed amending the claims to overcome the outstanding rejection. The Examiner agreed that the amendments made in this response overcome the outstanding rejection.

Claims 23, 24, 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kinjo, U.S. Patent 6,813,395. This rejection is respectfully overcome in view of the foregoing claim amendments.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 245402004000.

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